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## A LEGEND - A HERO - A FRIEND

Emanuel Steward meant so much to so many: a teacher, a mentor, a colleague, a role model, an inspiration, an icon, a legend, a hero, a friend. All of the above is evidenced by his remarkable accomplishments which include the renowned Kronk Gym in Detroit (where he provided hope and guidance to countless underprivileged youth); the training of an unparalleled 41 world champions (with a combined record of 34-2-1 in title fights) including Thomas Hearns (with titles in four divisions), Lennox Lewis, Oscar De La Hoya and Wladimir Klitschko; his depth of knowledge, expertise and insight; his righteousness; his strength; his altruism and eager willingness to share; his compassion, kindness and genuineness – all making Emanuel Steward so deserving of his 1996 induction into International Boxing Hall of Fame. Less publicized, “Manny” (as many knew him) joined Muhammad Ali, Roy Jones, Jr., and others when he presented testimony before a Senate Subcommittee, chaired by Senator John McCain, which resulted in the enactment of the “Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act” which proscribes many of the economic inequities and conflicts of interest which professional boxers were forced to endure and further advanced their health, safety and welfare. Last year, Emanuel Steward attended the Association of Ringside Physicians annual conference where he made a riveting and enlightening presentation to the assembled and, at the ARP awards banquet, was presented with the much-deserved ARP Lifetime Achievement in Boxing Award.

Emanuel Steward – a vestige of all that is right about boxing - is gone; his memory, his example, his teachings, his legacy will abide with us forever.